



FIGHT FROST WITH FIRE: Hundreds of oil-filled smudge pots blaze like giant fireflies in pre-dawn

darkness today as Grower Raymond Shuck, Napier avenue, Bainbridge township, uses heat to battle

frost that shoved mercury to 20 degrees at the five-foot level on his farm. Thousands of smudge

pots in area orchards and vineyards cast a smoky pall over local area early today. (Staff photo)



# CAN FRUIT CROP STAND IT?



WATER USED TOO: Blades of grass and young strawberry plants stand stiffly under a thick coat of ice in the early dawn today on the Laurel "Bud"

Piggott farm, Napier avenue, Benton township. Growers used irrigation equipment last two nights to keep frost from killing strawberry buds and

some tomato plants, but they expect sizeable losses in unprotected tree fruit crops. (Staff photo)

## *Fear Heavy Frost Damage*

### Mercury Hits Record Low For Date

#### BULLETIN

Berrien County Horticultural Agent Clifford Conrad estimated shortly before noon today that fruit crop losses in Berrien county may have amounted to \$5 to \$10 million as result of last night's record low temperatures. Growers' reports coming to him late this morning, he said, were confirming fears of extensive damage to all tree fruits, grapes, tomatoes and asparagus.

Fears of widespread damage to southwestern Michigan fruit crops were voiced by growers today in the wake of record low temperatures last night.

Growers mentally were junking their early tomato plantings, salvaging strawberry crops, and worrying about tree fruit crops.

The second straight night of freezes pushed the mercury to an official low of 19 degrees at the five-foot level at Watervliet. The thermometer sank to the low teens at the ground level in other unofficial readings.

The 19-degree reading at the U.S. Weather Bureau's agricultural network station at Watervliet was tied with Lansing as the lowest temperature recorded in the entire nation last night. The bureau reported this was the all-time coldest weather for this date since it began keeping records in 1872.

Growers today were attempting to assess the damage from last night's freeze, which followed temperatures in the low 20s Sunday night and early Monday. More cold weather, this time in the 30 to 35-degree range, is forecast for tonight. Smudge pots by the thousands cast a smoky pall visible over most of southwestern Michigan to three feet.

Growers were confident that irrigated strawberries survived the cold, but expected the worst in grapes, apples, cherries, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)

### BH Beards Get Extra Month

#### Centennial Date Moves To August

A change in dates for the Benton Harbor Centennial observance was announced last night by Mayor Wilbert Smith.

The city will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 7-13 instead of July 3-9 as previously announced. The mayor explained the later date will permit more time for preparing a centennial "we can be proud of."

Industries and business have agreed to provide financial support and personnel to assist in planning the celebration, he told the commission.

#### ARRAY OF EVENTS

Ray Mittan is general chairman of the event which will involve up to 200 workers. Events being planned are church observances, historical pageant, water contests and a parade.

Mayor Smith noted "for the benefit of those who would be much longer" than the original date,

# Doyle Creditors Enter Annex Fight

## LMC Gets 'Floyd And Charlie Show'

### They Debate \$5,000 Hike In Lawmakers' Pay

By TYRUS KNOY

Staff Writer

• Higher pay for legislators will attract better caliber men to the seats and result in more equitable representation, according to Mattheussen.

• In spite of previous pay raises, political machines in large cities still control who runs for a seat and how a seat votes in the legislature, according to Zollar.

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ment



MILD-MANNERED DEBATE: State Senator Charles O. Zollar (standing) gestures with his glasses as he quotes statistics on absenteeism of legislators during a debate with State Representative Floyd J. Mattheussen (background) Monday. The debate, on the subject of whether legislators' salaries should be raised, took place before student political clubs at Lake Michigan College. (Staff Photo)

### Say Neither Side Owns Building

#### Claims Total \$1,416,171

Creditors involved in the Berrien county hospital annex served notice Monday they will fight any attempt by either the county or Doyle & Associates to gain clear title to the annex until bills are paid in full. They filed objections to a payment trust fund proposal.

Ragnar Benson, contractor for the annex project, claims costs totaling \$1,416,171.89, plus interest. Jefferson State Bank of Chicago outlined a claim totaling \$219,999, plus interest, for annex equipment.

As the only disclosed creditors of Doyle in the annex financing, the Chicago contractor and the bank thus indicated that Doyle was originally indebted to them for \$1,636,170 for building and equipping the 260-bed medical facility at Berrien Center.

Monday's action also indicated the two creditors have at last jumped into the controversy with both with pneumonia. He expects to rest up the next several days at his North Shore drive home here before returning to his office at The News Palladium.



THOMAS DOYLE  
Creditors react

still owed on equipment.

#### CLAIMS RECOGNIZED

Both the county and Doyle have always recognized claims of Ragnar Benson and the bank, the answer indicated. It asked the court to see that neither Doyle or the county get full

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

### S. R. Banyon Leaves Hospital

Stanley R. Banyon, president of Palladium Publishing Co., has been released from Mercy hospital after recovering from a bout with pneumonia. He expects to rest up the next several days at his North Shore drive home here before returning to his office at The News Palladium.

#### ANYTHING SURVIVE?

Berrien Horticultural Agent Clifford Conrad said he is unable to see how anything can survive with temperatures so low. He said, however, a full assessment of the loss can not be made immediately.

A Berrien Springs grower, George Rudell, reported 13



# THE HERALD-PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1966

Twin City  
News

## B.H.E.A. RECEIVES SCHOOL BOARD'S BLESSING

### St. Joe Tax Hike Nearer To Being Reality

#### No Protests Made To Commission

##### Apartment Ruling Is Postponed

St. Joseph's proposed 1966-67 budget, including a 14 per cent tax increase, received routine approval of the city commission Monday night.

Only two citizens attended the commission meeting with interest in the budget. Neither spoke on the subject.

The \$1,705,921.33 budget, calling for an increase from 25 to 28½ mills as the tax rate, is scheduled to receive final approval from the commission next Monday when they will meet at 4:30 p.m.

The early meeting is planned to free commissioners for a Mayor Exchange day dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The commission postponed a rezoning decision for a proposed apartment complex on the west side of Lake Shore drive south of Hawthorne avenue.

Only person heard during public hearing of the issue was Atty. Richard Insley, project promoter. Insley announced Robert Holloway, owner of a similar project in South Bend, has joined him as a partner in Lake Bluff Realty, which Insley has previously termed a family corporation.

Much of Insley's plea for approval of the rezoning request centered on rebuttal of a petition opposing changing the site from A-2 (single-family dwelling) to C-1 (multiple-family dwelling).

**BEST USE:**

He described the project as the "best and highest use of the site for the general good of the community" and reminded the commission the planning commission had given its unanimous approval of the rezoning change.

Commissioner Martin Kasischke, noting the absence of Mayor William Rill, moved to postpone decision on the rezoning request until May 23. Passage of the motion was unanimous.

The petition, presented to the commission by Charles Bernat of 34D Lake Shore drive, cites five reasons why the signers oppose the rezoning. It was read in the April 11 meeting and commissioners didn't hear its contents last night.

##### HIGH PRAISE

The resignation of E.C. Cudmore from the joint Benton Harbor-St. Joseph sewage disposal board was accepted.

Commented Hill: "He's been an excellent public servant." Mayor Pro-tem W.H. Ehrenberg, presiding in Mayor William Rill's absence, said, "It's going to be hard to get along without him . . . Orchids to Ed Cudmore."

Cudmore has been a member of the board since 1951 and cites personal reasons for his resignation.

An amended annual contributions contract, approved by the housing commission Monday afternoon, received the commission's nod.

The contract, providing funds for the city's elderly housing project to be constructed at 1 State street, raises total development costs to \$1,724,815. This is \$172,500 higher than originally approved.

The housing commission had requested the increase to cover seven additional dwelling units — bringing the total to 107 — and rising construction costs.

A 10 per cent increase was asked to cover rising construction costs. Housing director C. Thomas Daley had said he feared only a 5 per cent increase could be expected.

When Daley learned of the increase late last week, he noted it provided 7 per cent for construction costs and said he assumed the Public Housing Administration's regional office in Chicago had decided to compromise between the requested figure and the figure they assumed necessary.

Daley set up a meeting Monday with Frank Caliendo, planning technician in PHA's Chicago office, for June 16. The architects will be ready then with their preliminary drawings, Daley said.

**PLAN TO START**

"If all goes well, we expect to start construction in the early part of October," said Daley.

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



E. C. CUDMORE  
Quits sewage disposal board

#### Ambulance Services End July 1

##### BH Morticians Back Kazoo Firm

Four Benton Harbor funeral directors informed the city commission last night that they intend to go out of ambulance service business July 1 and endorsed a Kalamazoo firm to take over the function.

Two St. Joseph funeral homes reported today there are no present plans to suspend their ambulance service.

A letter from Tindall DeLong, president of DeLong Ambulance Service, Inc., Kalamazoo told Benton Harbor officials it would require a \$25,000 annual municipal subsidy to establish the ambulance service.

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**SPECIFIES B. H.**

DeLong's message mentioned only Benton Harbor. However,

##### More Stories

Additional stories from last night's Benton Harbor city commission session are published on page 29.

A Benton Harbor funeral director said he understood the cost also would include Benton township and DeLong would make a similar presentation to the Benton board of trustees.

Last fall, the DeLong firm indicated it was interested in providing ambulance service to the four Twin City municipalities at a yearly subsidy of \$7,000 to \$10,000.

The Benton Harbor morticians cited rising costs of operation, requirements of Medicare and a belief that DeLong could provide satisfactory service.

Independent ambulance services not connected with funeral homes are becoming a trend throughout the United States, according to the statement of the four funeral homes — Florin, Reiser, Frost and Robbins Bros.

The funeral directors said they have traditionally offered 24-hour ambulance to anyone and everyone. However, other duties and availability of personnel have made it impossible to guarantee that an ambulance could be dispatched at a specific moment.

Granting of a license to DeLong was recommended by the morticians who described the service as a successful one that is now expanding throughout Michigan and parts of northern Indiana.

##### CITES MEDICARE

"We wish to indicate that as of July 1, 1966, which is the effective date for Medicare, we, the funeral directors of Benton Harbor, feel that we will no longer be in the position to furnish ambulance service to the public."

The directors said they have been informed that Medicare will require additional equipment in ambulances and inspections to meet federal standards.

Mayor Wilbert Smith said much discussion will be needed on costs and services before the city can take any action.

##### HALF IS TOO MUCH

#### One-Third Rate Cut Turns Sprinklers On

St. Joseph city commissioners voted Monday night to cut water rates one-third during the summer months. The reduction is made annually to encourage lawn sprinkling. "I think we make a lot of people happy with the rate cut," said Commissioner C. A. Tobias Jr.

"How about making it half then?" responded a man in the audience. "Second," came the quick comment of another man nearby.

Following brief laughter, Commissioner W. C. (Duke) Ehrenberg said, "The one-third cut has seemed to work well in past years; I think we should stick with it." The resolution passed unanimously.

#### Weiland Quits SJ School Board Post

#### Rev. Strauss Is Named To Fill Out Term

Donald Weiland resigned from the St. Joseph school board last night and board of education members appointed Rev. Robert W. Strauss to serve until a successor is elected.

Weiland, of 510 Highland avenue, St. Joseph, wrote Board President Collins Gillespie he was moving out of the school district which would make him ineligible to serve.

Rev. Strauss served previously on the school board from 1959 to 1963. He is pastor of the Hinckman and Oronoko Methodist churches and a partner in the Strauss Pie Co.

Weiland's resignation comes four days after trustee Robert Bloomberg of 708 Hickory drive, St. Joseph, announced he would not be a candidate for re-election.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions is 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Twenty signatures of qualified electors are required on a nominating petition.

Weiland, 48, was elected executive vice president of Benton Harbor Malleable Industries April 19. He did not disclose where he was moving but said in his letter that he will continue to reside in the Twin Cities area and added he would follow the many activities of this area.

Weiland, however, will continue to serve as board treasurer until a successor is named.

School Supt. Richard Ziemer said a check of school law disclosed that the board could select a treasurer from outside the board and even outside the school district. Because it would cost about \$70 to replace the signature plates used in the check protector, Weiland was hired for \$1 to continue until a successor is elected and takes office the first Monday of July when the new school fiscal year starts.

Weiland has served on the negotiating committee named to work out a contract with teachers. He wrote in his letter of resignation: "The relationships I have had with the St. Joseph Teachers' association, its president, Mr. (Dennis) Bowen and the negotiating members, have been of the highest professional caliber."

##### SAYS THANKS

His letter of resignation continued: "I should like to thank the citizens of the district who have and who will continue their beliefs in a sound curriculum, coupled with a strong financial support for the educational needs of their children."

There are many qualified citizens who are able to serve this board of education. I trust their time and effort will be as rewarding to them as these past six years have been to me."

Gillespie termed Weiland's contributions to the board as "invaluable" and Dr. Dean K. Ray said he enjoyed working with Weiland in the past.

Rev. Strauss reportedly was elected to serve from May 14 to June 30 to fulfill a school law requirement providing that if the board of education did not appoint a successor the county intermediate board would have to.

Reportedly he was selected because of his past experience and because he indicated he would not run for the balance of the term. School board members said they did not wish to name anyone who then might presumably have an advantage over other candidates.

There was some speculation among board members with both a building program and need for operating millage pending in the next year that the two open positions may draw several candidates.

Stewart school will sponsor a book fair starting today and running until Thursday.

The book fair will be open before school, during lunch time and after school in the gymnasium.

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##### Lakeshore School Plans Book Fair

A book fair is being held at Stewart elementary school in the Lakeshore district, sponsored by the Parents Teachers association and sixth grade.

The fair, which features new books, runs through Thursday,

Chairman Joel Ellis said.

##### Wall Street Rallies After Long Slump

Stock market prices snapped back in brisk trading early today after more than two weeks of jolting setbacks. (Story on

Page 28.)

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## BOND ISSUE GETS APPROVAL IN THREE OAKS

THREE OAKS—Three Oaks voters yesterday overwhelmingly passed, by a three to one ratio a \$103,000 storm drain bond issue they had rejected in a previous election. The passing margin was 151 to 48 with two spoiled ballots. There are about 600 registered voters in the community. Last Feb. 21 the same bond issue, along with one for \$80,000 for a sanitary sewer system, was rejected by 174 to 105 margin.

"That's wonderful. I'm awfully glad it passed by that margin,"

Village President James Hausmann said when informed of the outcome. "It proves that if village residents really want something they'll vote for it," he said. Hausmann noted that there will be a special village council meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in the village hall to discuss the vote.

The logic behind installing a new storm drain system, Hausmann said, is that it could be constructed 50 per cent cheaper

when put in along with the projected new sanitary sewer system. The \$103,000 bond will be paid off with property taxes and will cost the average residential dwelling \$12 a year, according to Hausmann. The storm drain system will be installed simultaneously with a new sanitary sewer system. The state has requested and will soon force the village to construct this sanitary sewer system because it says the present village sewer system is polluting the Galien river and Lake Michigan.

The sanitary sewer system will cost \$570,000. A federal grant of \$83,000 has already been approved to defray this cost and the village has applied for more federal aid. "The fact that the storm drain vote passed seems to me would help us get more federal aid," Hausmann said. He explained that the vote will show federal administrators that residents are really interested in improving their community.

## 3 To 2 Vote In Van Buren

Each Of Four  
Districts Are  
Against Move

By BILL HAMILTON  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — The proposal to consolidate eleven primary school districts with adjacent high school districts in four areas of Van Buren county went down to defeat yesterday by a 3 to 2 margin as each of the four districts voted the question down by substantial majorities. Unofficial tabulations of the returns showed 961 no votes and 656 yes votes, with 10 ballots spoiled.

The voting was done under the so-called "method 1" of Act 289 of 1964, which provides that the vote shall be counted in one lump total, with the majority vote binding all districts involved. The law provides for another vote within 90 days on the same proposal but counted individually.

A breakdown of individual areas gave the following unofficial totals:

To annex the Crow, Hadaway, and Beechdale districts in Allegan county, and the Locata district in Van Buren county, to the South Haven school system: 321 no, 250 yes, and 4 spoiled.

To annex the Code and Celery Center districts to Decatur, 260 no, 149 yes, and 1 spoiled.

To annex the Breedsdale, Bangor Center, and Wood districts to Bangor: 240 no, 165 yes, and 2 spoiled.

To annex the Grand Junction district to Bloomingdale: 194



EX-VILLAGE PRESIDENT VOTES: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton DeWaters, former Three Oaks village president and his wife, cast their ballots in yesterday's successful vote on the \$103,000 storm drain bond issue in Three Oaks. Taking the ballot of the DeWaters is Evelyn Grover, election board member. At the left is another board member, Margaret Graunis. Voting took place in the village hall. See story at top of page. (Staff photo)

no, 102 yes, and 3 spoiled. The voting in the Lakeside district was split between the Bangor and Bloomingdale districts.

Elmer Van Dyke, Van Buren intermediate school superintendent, said that since the issue was voted down under this "method 1," another election will be called within 90 days under the so-called "method 2" on the same question.

Van Dyke said the calling of another election under "method 2" is mandatory by law. Under this method, each affected district votes again, just as in the original election, but instead of counting all votes in one lump total, each annexation district is treated individually.

Under the second plan, it

would be possible for one section to vote consolidation without the others doing so.

### SUIT PENDING

A suit is now pending in Van Buren circuit court challenging the elections as illegal and unconstitutional. Any decision reached in this lawsuit before the calling of the second election would probably affect further action by the intermediate school board.

The suit was brought by Alfred Wood, Jean Thomas, and Glenn Hessey in the Wood primary district (Bangor township) and Arthur Brohm and Archie Hemenway in the Code district (Hamilton township).

Named as defendants were the Van Buren Intermediate School district, and its superintendent, Van Dyke.

Hemenway, contacted by this newspaper, said he thought the annexation would be voted down because it "wasn't a fair deal," and predicted that a second vote under "method 2" would also be voted down.

He said the Code district preferred to continue as in the past, with high school students attending Lawrence on a tuition basis. He indicated that if anything, students would prefer going to Lawrence high school instead of annexing to Decatur.

SOMETIMES

Alfred Wood, school board member of the Wood primary district, also said he would expect another election to have the same outcome.

He indicated that sometime in the future, when the time was right, the Wood district would probably annex to a high school district, but that people of his district did not approve of the annexation as set up by the intermediate school district.

Despite the fact that the suit asked for an injunction to halt the election, Boothby said, its prime purpose was to preserve the group's right to question what they feel are defects in the state's reorganization program.

"I feel this has been done," he said.

### RELUCTANT

Courts, Boothby added, are reluctant to halt an election on such short notice. There would not have been time to hear merits of the case before the election, he said, but hearings will be held afterward. "I believe we have preserved all questions raised in regard to the election."

Van Dyke had no comment on the outcome of the elections yesterday. He said the date of a second election, if called, would be set by the intermediate school board.

## Lawsuit Won't Halt Election

### Berrien To Vote On School Remap

A suit challenging constitutionality of the state's school reorganization program will not hold the May 16 reorganization election in Berrien county, Atty. Lee Boothby said Monday.

Boothby said a request for a temporary injunction to halt the election has been denied by Berrien Circuit Judge Philip A. Hadsell. However, Boothby said, the right of plaintiffs to continue with the suit and possibly have the election set aside has been preserved.

The suit was filed Friday by Boothby on behalf of a group billed as the Berrien county "Save Our Schools" committee.

Former Republican State Legislator Gail Handy, spokesman for the group, said the reorganization vote could force elementary districts into high school systems against their will.

The committee, Handy said, regards this as unfair and un-American, and not in the best interests of future educational relationships within high school districts.

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### Allows Early Tax Collection

LANSING (AP)—Gov. George Romney signed into law Monday

a bill enabling school districts to collect taxes early at the start of the fiscal year.

Upon the approval of the city governing body, the board of education of a school district located in a city may certify the assessment of school taxes at the same time as the city taxes.

When the township board approves, the school district education board may certify the total or one-half of the total school tax to the township clerk on or before June 1 of each year.

Each township supervisor then will be able to prepare the assessment on the tax role before June 30 and deliver it to the treasurer for collection.

One of the main practical problems in connection with the reorganization plan is that it will in most cases mean added taxation for elementary districts—taxes that they never voted for, the suit contends.

This taxation—without representation aspect is not widely known, Boothby said. Most high school districts have extra voter-operated millage which will be spread over elementary districts that become part of them.

Elementary districts will not be allowed to vote on whether or not to accept the extra millage, he said, as it is not on the ballot.

Boothby said he feels the state program has many defects—both on constitutional and other grounds—and if the vote carries, the committee can move to have it set aside.

This is one of four such suits now on file in Michigan, Boothby said.

## Allegan City In Favor Of Proposal

### But 19 Groups Vote It Down; Lawsuits Pending

ALLEGAN — The Allegan county school reorganization plan to merge 43 rural school districts with seven high school districts was overwhelmingly defeated 4,806 to 2,286 in yesterday's vote.

The defeat followed the filing of a suit in Circuit court recently against the reorganization plan. The suit names William Sexton, supervisor of the Allegan county intermediate school district, and the intermediate district board of education as defendants.

Only two of 21 voting districts approved the plan. They were the City of Allegan, 474 to 404, and the Dix street school district in Otsego, 71 to 62.

The Fennville district defeated the plan 487 to 206. Glenn rejected it 73 to 21 and Pullman vetoed it 157 to 32.

The suit in Allegan county against the reorganization under the K-12 plan is similar to suits filed against intermediate school boards in Van Buren and Calhoun counties. A suit filed in Berrien county seeks to halt the May 16 election there.

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The board also engaged a firm of educational consultants to interpret the college's educational facility requirements to be built into the new structures.

Harry Weese & Associates of Chicago, holder of the architectural contract for the prestigious Pennsylvania Avenue mall project in Washington, D.C., was picked to design and oversee the building of the new LMC buildings.

### CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Selection of the architect at last night's meeting of the board of trustees should lead to the start of construction on the new site in the fall of 1967, according to President Robert Plummer.

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A loosely-named educational consulting firm going under the

name of Planning and Consulting for Education, was chosen to survey the LMC educational needs and relate them to building plans.

The consultant group will be headed here by Dr. Joseph P. Cosand, president of St. Louis, Mo., Community college, as principal consultant. Other members of the newly-incorporated group are Dr. E. K. Fretwell, head of all New York City colleges; Dr. A. A. Canfield, vice president of Oakland County Community college; Dr. James E. Tirrell, president of Oakland County Community college; James A. Hobson, vice-president of Lawrence Institute of Technology, in Detroit; and Dr. B. Lamar Johnson, head of the Kellogg Training project at University of Southern California.

\$40,000 FEE

The fee of the architectural firm will be a standard 5 1/4 per cent, or approximately \$440,000 on an \$8 million building program. Planning and Consulting for Education will get a fee of one-half of one per cent, or approximately \$40,000.

Plummer said the educational consultants will begin their work immediately and will deliver completed educational specifications to the architect next January.

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## Building And Operating School Proposals Lose In Cassopolis

CASSOPOLIS—Voters of the Cassopolis school district yesterday turned down decisively a \$1,750,000 bond issue which would have financed a new school and remodeled and renovated the present high school and three elementary buildings. By a narrower margin, they also voted down an extension for one year of 7.5 mills for operating purposes. The bond issue lost 301 "yes" to 825 "no" with 14 spoiled ballots. The unofficial count on the millage proposal was 531 "yes" to 641 "no" with 16 spoiled ballots.

It was the first time the school building issue had been placed before the voters. Plans had called for remodeling the present high school for junior high purposes and renovating three elementary schools to meet state fire marshall's specifications. The 7.5 mill tax rate to meet operating expenses had been voted in for two years in 1964. The issue was defeated the first time then but carried the second time.

Both the millage and the bond issue are expected to be placed before the voters again.

## LMC Hires Noted Architectural Firm

### Will Plan \$8 Million Campus

#### Consultants Also Engaged By Board

By JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

A small but nationally known Chicago architectural firm was named by the Lake Michigan College trustees last night to plan a new \$8 million campus for its 259-acre site in Benton township.

The board also engaged a firm of educational consultants to interpret the college's educational facility requirements to be built into the new structures.

Harry Weese & Associates of Chicago, holder of the architectural contract for the prestigious Pennsylvania Avenue mall project in Washington, D.C., was picked to design and oversee the building of the new LMC buildings.

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Acting on a suggestion by Board Chairman Robert Small, the trustees voted to put funds inherited from the Henry C. Hatch estate into a trust fund, with the income to be used solely for college library purposes.

Some \$60,000 has been received from the estate, and more will be forthcoming, Small indicated.

He estimated the fund should produce an annual income of about \$3,000.

An offer by the Twin Cities Academy of Medicine to serve as an advisory group to aid LMC in setting up training programs for medical technicians and other paramedical personnel was relayed to the board by Dr. A. F. Bliesmer, one of the trustees. The offer was referred

to the board by Dr. Plummer for study. The LMC head said the administration has a goal of establishing several training programs in the field of medical assistants by the fall of 1967.

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## LABORERS UNION

## Bargaining Session Fails To End Strike

KALAMAZOO (AP)—Bargaining locals.

No new meeting date was set, according to Winter.

The Southwest Michigan strike began May 1. It has tied up nearly \$200 million in heavy construction projects in Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Meanwhile, some workers returned to many struck jobs after a review of picketing procedures. The striking unions withdrew man pickets after a charge of secondary boycott was filed last week with the National Labor Relations Board by the Associated Mechanical Contractors.

The union has asked a package totaling \$1.07 per hour over the same period. The old contract expired April 30, followed by a walkout of laborers union members from five West Michi-

## Will Address South Haven Democrats

SOUTH HAVEN — Danny Greenman, chairman of the South Haven Democratic club, has called a meeting of local Democrats and interested citizens for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the L. C. Mohr auditorium.

Purpose of the meeting, Greenman said, is to complete the organization of the club and give citizens a chance to hear brief statements from the elected Democratic city officials and ask questions about city and county government.

The elected officials are Mayor Glenn Sperry, aldermen David Grier from the third Ward and Marion White from the second Ward and third ward supervisor Irving Tucker.

This is one of four such suits now on file in Michigan, Boothby said.

# Coloma School Board Urges Vote

## Open House Scheduled At New High School

COLOMA—The Coloma board of education went on record to urge all the people to get out and vote on the K-12 school reorganization issue on May 16 when board President John Walter brought the question to the board Monday night.

Walter said that a number of the school boards in the county were taking a definite stand on the vote. The Coloma board in the discussion agreed with the plan of reorganizing all the elementary school districts into a high school district but were not in total agreement with the county-wide vote plan.

The board expressed a preference for an individual district vote as a better expression of the people's wishes.

The board approved cornerstone laying ceremonies along with the open house program at the new high school on May 15 and set the time for the ceremony at 3 p.m.

Among the items to be placed in the corner stone are an edition of the 1966 school yearbook and a list of the subjects offered in the high school.

Superintendent William Barrett said he had held a meeting of the student committee working on the open house program. Students will act as guides for visiting groups, taking them through the high school.

### PUBLIC WELCOME

The band and vocal music programs will run for six weeks during the summer. The driver education program will begin June 13. About 120 students have signed up for the driver's education program so far, several different sections will be held under this program because of the large number of persons participating.

There will be no fee for either program. Last summer there was a \$5 fee for the band and vocal programs.

School superintendent Richard Rogers announced that eighth graders failing one subject will be given a chance to pass that course in the summer session and then allowed to enter high school in the fall. These students will not graduate with their eighth grade class in June, however.

### KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Robert Evans, principal of the north elementary school, stated that total enrollment for both elementary schools in the kindergarten roundup reached 84 in stead of the projected 120. He said kindergarten enrollment in both the north and south elementary schools stands at 129, this year. Enrollment for next year reached 51 for the south school and 33 for the north school, he said.

It was announced that Merle Bujack, the only board member whose seat is up for election June 13, will run again. Petitions for the election will be certified May 16 by the school election board.

Appointed to the election board last night were Paul Jones, chairman, Mrs. Richard Bridges, Mrs. Wilbur Leventon, Mrs. Dwight Horton, Mrs. Harold Peirce and Mrs. William Starbuck.

### GRADUATION SCHEDULE

The graduation schedule for eighth graders and the high school was announced at the meeting. All ceremonies will take place in the high school gymnasium. The schedule is as follows:

May 23 — Awards assembly for high school during school hours.

May 29 — Baccalaureate ceremonies with the Rev. Harvey Lord, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, officiating.

June 2 — High school graduation ceremonies scheduled for 8 p.m.

June 3 — Eighth grade graduation set for 8 p.m. with Gary Welzel, eighth grader, scheduled to give a speech.

In other business, the board authorized the taking of a school census by Mrs. Frank Runyon and Mrs. Paul Emerson.

The board meeting originally scheduled for June 13 was rescheduled for June 6 because of the annual school election.

## Workers Favor Joining UAW

KALAMAZOO (AP)—Workers at a new General Motors Corp. stamping plant in Kalamazoo voted 350-6 Monday to be represented by the United Auto Workers Union. The National Labor Relations Board conducted the election.

## ELECTION COMING

## Four New Teachers Are Hired In Decatur

DECATUR—The Decatur board of education hired four new teachers and announced the school elections date of June 13 at a regular board meeting Monday night.

Board members whose terms expire this summer are Dr. Robert Sundin and Charles Gerkey. Dr. Sundin has said he will run for re-election but Gerkey has not committed himself.

Terms on the four-member board are for four years.

The new teachers hired are Mrs. Dorothy Benson of Mattawan, Miss Brooke Lehew of Coloma, Miss Mary Henderson of Rutherford, Ill., and Gary M. Brouwer of Mount Clemens.

Miss Lehew and Mrs. Benson

are elementary teachers. Brouwer is to be a commerce teacher and assistant basketball coach and Miss Henderson is to be a commerce teacher.

It was announced at the board that baccalaureate will be May 29, class night will be May 31, and commencement June 2.

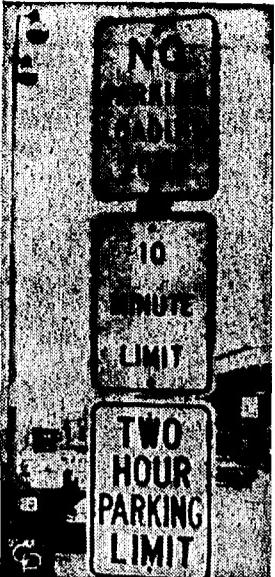
In other business the board:

—Approved purchase of 35 new desks at a cost of \$1,102;

—Voted to continue the student insurance plan with the First Agency of Kalamazoo;

—Apportioned Mrs. Mary Hall to take charge of the school census.

—Pledged general fund bills of \$4,025.58 and debt retirement bills of \$27,209.42.



## Students Are Good Politicians

### Offer Ideas On Jailing Of Parents

By JIM SHANAHAN  
B. H. City Editor

Benton Harbor city commissioners observed last night there are some pretty shrewd politicians running student government affairs.

They were questioned by school student government leaders ranging from Jeff Hughes, a fifth grader at North Shore school, to Nancy Gagliano, president of the Lake Michigan College student council.

Jeff, 11-year-old son of former Probate Judge and Mrs. Julian Hughes, posed some timely questions and one that he considered "far-fetched."

Will there ever be one government in the Twin City area?

The board agreed to dividing the plan into four phases for development and to call for bids on each phase, for the total plan and for each item.

Craig Gunn of St. John's wondered if the commission had ever considered jailing parents for offenses committed by their children. Craig thinks it would be a good idea.

"We haven't discussed it but we've certainly thought about it," replied the mayor.

Miss Gagliano inquired about parking restrictions in the college area. Commissioner Rex Sheeley said they were established for safety reasons and at requests of the residents.

"I wish I could run my meetings so orderly," Miss Gagliano complimented the commission.

### TWO FINE GROUPS

"We have a very fine group here," the mayor said.

"Well, so do we," replied the coed.

As the commission adjourned, Clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke presented Jeff Hughes with a sample of the shorthand she uses to record commission meetings. He is class secretary and wondered how the city secretary took notes. Jeff and other North Shore students were accompanied to "class officers and student council members night" by teacher Miss Gwen Kessler.

Among matters the students heard the commission discuss were:

—Request for a building permit from Napoleon Lark for a fire-damaged house at 640 Eighth street. Building permits in the urban renewal area must conform to the urban renewal project, but the commission can issue permits by following designated procedure. Lark's house is scheduled to be acquired and demolished by the project, but he wants to make it habitable until purchased by the city. The request was referred to committee.

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## Mrs. DeFoe Urges Open Occupancy

### Will Go Beyond Benton Harbor

Mrs. Mary DeFoe, chairman of the Benton Harbor NAACP housing committee, said efforts for open occupancy won't end in Benton Harbor—they will be extended to other Twin Cities area municipalities.

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## Annual Palsy Meeting Is Thursday

Annual meeting of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Berrien County, Inc., will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the orthopedic department of Seely-McCord school in Benton Harbor, according to Harry Miller, association president.

Decided to change no parking on McCord street to no parking during school hours.

Authorized veterans' poppy sale for May 20-21 and an NAACP tag day June 17. Sheeley said the NAACP had previously changed its request because of

Governor of New Jersey was held by Woodrow Wilson.



JEFF HUGHES  
Quizzes Commission

## Lakeshore Urged To Delay Bidding

### Building Costs Are Expected To Rise After Strike

The Lakeshore board of education at last night's meeting heard a recommendation that bids for the new junior high building and farm shop and bus garage addition not be taken before mid-June.

The recommendation was made by John Latlin, business manager of Trend Associates of Kalamazoo, architects for the school system. Latlin said construction costs for the building would increase approximately 15 per cent due to the striking Southwest Michigan Laborers Union council. He said if the strike is not settled by mid-June the board should make another delay in taking bids.

Board members approved the architect's plan for the additions to the farm shop and bus garage.

Bids were opened for the blacktopping of the four grade school playgrounds. Due to the fact that the bids were much higher than the board had expected the matter was tabled and it was voted to investigate the cost of excavating and graveling the playgrounds.

### POSSIBLE WELL

A report was given on a possible well to service both the senior high school and the new junior high school. The project would require a water main 1,320 feet in length at a cost of \$6 per foot. Total cost would be \$10,560. The board voted not to proceed with the centralized water system. It also tabled plans for another well to be drilled for the senior high school pending results of the drilling of test wells in Lincoln townships.

The board approved renewal of a two-year contract with Lloyd Mallett as principal of Hollywood school. Four new teacher contracts were also approved. They were for Ed Koehler, wood shop; Barbara Greene, kindergarten at Hollywood school; Judy Frisbee, third grade at Roosevelt, and William Wilkinson, senior high school mathematics and freshman football coach.

Supt. Steward Olmstead reported the following teachers are still needed for the 1966-67 school year: two sixth grade teachers, one remedial reading, one junior high science and math, one biology and math and one German and English teacher.

Bids were rejected for the three school buses that are for sale by the school district.

### SCHOOL CENSUS

William Galbreath, business manager, reported a committee is in the process of splitting the four school census districts into five. Eight districts are planned for the future. The school census will be taken May 11 through 31.

The board tabled its decision on a request from the Office of Economic Opportunity for its use of the auto mechanics classroom for an adult education program. The Lakeshore facilities would be donated to the program and the OEO would pay the expenses of a teacher and material.

Approval was given by the board to rent two classrooms in the Baroda elementary school for a ten-week period for an elementary education program for local migrant workers' children. Classes will be held June 13 to Aug. 20 for children 6 to 12. OEO will pay \$50 a week rental plus custodial fees. Approximately 40 children are presently enrolled for the classes.

The programs will start June 27 and end Aug. 5. Leverage estimated that 30 students will participate in each program.

In other business the board approved the hiring of Donn Kay Scott of Kalamazoo to teach special education next year. The board also approved the hiring of Martha Wrege of Kalamazoo to teach sixth grade.

### FIRST JOBS

These will be the first teaching assignments for each.

Leverese reported that all teachers for next year have been hired except a vocal instructor, a girl's physical education teacher and another sixth grade teacher.

It was reported a federal grant of \$4,315.33 was approved for library books for the Lakeshore school system. Under the grant the books will be the property of the intermediate school district.

Funds for the various schools are Steward, \$799.98; Hollywood, \$592.97; Baroda, \$563.14; Roosevelt, \$656.12; junior high, \$629.44, and senior high, \$1,073.75.

Olmstead reported Twin Cities Chevrolet donated a car to the school for driver education during the summer months and administrative use during the school year.

General fund bills of \$10,194.90 were approved.

## EAU CLAIRE

### Hire Two Part-Time Policemen

EAU CLAIRE — The Eau Claire village council in its regular meeting last night approved the hiring of two part-time policemen, Rolland Weber and Ortho Worley, for May through October.

Charles W. Bingham, the owner operator of the Chuckwagon, was granted permission by the council to open a used car lot on his West Main street property.

In other business, Clerk Jean Bishop announced that the Richmond Lumber company's bid of \$15,050 for the purchase of timber that will have to be moved because of urban renewal.

Removed from the agenda is the issue of signs on city property. Commissioner Edward K. & M. also was granted authority to relocate other facilities that will have to be moved because of urban renewal.

The council meeting was attended by eight students from George Gaumer's government class at Eau Claire high school.

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